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## Ozark National Scenic Riverways News Release

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### Local Automotive Technician and Engine Machinist Receive Recognition

Eminence, MO – Park Superintendent Reed E. Detring recognized Jeff and Karen Wade, owners of Elm Street Garage in Mountain View, Missouri for their dedicated efforts to restore the mill in operating condition during the Alley Mill Grand Opening Event on Friday, May 6, 2011.



L to R: Trenton Yarber, Elm Street Garage Employee; Karen and Jeff Wade, Owners; and Superintendent Reed E. Detring

For about a year, the historic Alley Mill had not operated. The culprit – a worn idler pulley. As Alley Spring water flows past the mill's water turbine, the idler pulley keeps the belt leading from the water turbine shaft tight which in turn spins the main lineshaft that drives all the other mill machinery. Over time, the idler pulley became worn, had dropped down to rub against the yoke holding it, and caused the belt that turned the main lineshaft to slack. Once the idler pulley was removed, Jeff Wade and the Elm Street Garage employees made the repairs over the winter and the part was re-installed in the Alley Mill. The approximately 31,000 people who visit the mill annually will now be able to witness the operation of the mill machinery.

Beginning Memorial Day Weekend, the mill will be open daily. Once the Alley Mill spring branch drops its water levels, Milling Demonstrations by Park Rangers will be at 10:00a.m and 2:00 p.m.

For more information, phone (573) 323-4236 during daily business hours 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, or visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/ozar](http://www.nps.gov/ozar). Ozark National Scenic Riverways preserves the free-flowing Current and Jacks Fork Rivers, the surrounding natural resources, and the unique cultural heritage of the Ozark people.



Historic Alley Mill

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